

Although confessedly imperfect and fragmentary, this contribution to our knowledge of MacGillivray, "the greatest and most original ornithologist of his day," will be welcomed as portraying the main features of his life and character — his unusual gifts and endearing personality. — J. A. A.

Penard's Birds of Guiana, Volume II. — As stated in our notice of the first volume (Auk, XXV, Oct., 1908, p. 491), this work¹ is based on first-hand knowledge gained by the authors during a twelve years' residence in Dutch Guiana, and who write of the birds of this interesting country from personal study of them in life. The present volume includes the species from the Toucans to the Thrushes or the Picariæ and Passeres, of which a dozen species are described (some of them tentatively) as new. The general character of the work is stated in our notice of the first volume. We congratulate the authors on the completion of this important contribution to tropical American ornithology, a work which must form a very useful handbook for the residents of Guiana. — J. A. A.

Hartert's 'Die Vögel der paläarktischen Fauna.' Heft VI.² — Part VI carries the work to the end of the Passeres and completes the first volume, for which is issued with this double part a title-page and index. It contains the last half of the author's Muscicapidæ (= Sylviidæ, Timeliidæ, and Turdidæ of authors), the Accentoridæ, Troglodytidæ, and Hirundinidæ, or Nos. 987–1240, beginning with the genus *Turdus*. The table of contents of Volume I occupies pp. xiii–xlix, with which is incorporated as footnotes critical references to the literature bearing on the ornithology of the 'Palearctic Fauna,' from 1903 to the end of the year 1909. These notes deal with questions of synonymy and nomenclature as well as with the status and relationship of the many forms described since the publication of the first five parts of the 'Fauna.' Among the changes of nomenclature are *Acanthis linaria* in place of *A. flammea*; *Muscicapa hypoleuca* (Pallas, 1764) in place of *M. atricapilla*; *Sylvia cantillans* (Pallas, 1764) in place of *S. subalpina*. Many of the recently described forms are accepted, but a much larger number are consigned to synonymy. Nearly a dozen new subspecies are added in the text and footnotes of the present part, which

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² Die Vögel der paläarktischen Fauna. Systematische Übersicht der in Europa, Nord-Asien und der Mittelmeerregion vorkommenden Vögel. Von Dr. Ernst Hartert. Heft VI (Doppelheft). Seite 641–832. Mit 10 Abbildungen. Berlin, Verlag von R. Friedländer und Sohn. Agents in London: Witherby & Co., 326 High Holborn. Ausgegeben im Juni 1910. — 8vo., pp. xiii–xlix + 641–834, fig. 125–134. Heft VI, 8s., postage 3d. Vol. I, 28s., postage 1s. 8d.